

**1346.6012 IFGC APPENDIX E, WORKSHEET E-1.**

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## Residential Combustion Air Calculation Method

(for Furnace, Boiler, and/or Water Heater in the Same Space)

**Step 1:** Complete vented combustion appliance information.

Furnace/Boiler:

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft Hood      \_\_\_\_\_ Fan Assisted      \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Vent      Input:  
 (Not fan assisted)      & Power Vent      \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr

Water Heater:

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft Hood      \_\_\_\_\_ Fan Assisted      \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Vent      Input:  
 (Not fan assisted)      & Power Vent      \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr

**Step 2:** Calculate the volume of the Combustion Appliance Space (CAS) containing combustion appliances.

The CAS includes all spaces connected to one another  
by code compliant openings.

CAS volume: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>**Step 3:** Determine Air Changes per Hour (ACH)<sup>1</sup>

Default ACH values have been incorporated into Table E-1 for use with Method 4b (KAIR Method). If the year of construction or ACH is not known, use method 4a (Standard Method).

**Step 4:** Determine Required Volume for Combustion Air.**4a. Standard Method**

Total Btu/hr input of all combustion appliances (DO  
NOT COUNT DIRECT VENT APPLIANCES)

Input: \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr

Use Standard Method column in Table E-1 to find Total  
Required Volume (TRV)

TRV: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

If CAS Volume (from Step 2) *is greater than* TRV then no outdoor openings are needed.

If CAS Volume (from Step 2) *is less than* TRV then go to **STEP 5**.

**4b. Known Air Infiltration Rate (KAIR) Method**

Total Btu/hr input of all fan-assisted and power vent appliances (DO NOT COUNT DIRECT VENT APPLIANCES)

Input: \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr

Use Fan-Assisted Appliances column in Table E-1 to find Required Volume Fan Assisted (RVFA)

RVFA: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

Total Btu/hr input of all non-fan-assisted appliances

Input: \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr

Use Non-Fan-Assisted Appliances column in Table E-1 to find Required Volume Non-Fan-Assisted (RVNFA)

RVNFA: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

Total Required Volume (TRV) = RVFA + RVNFA

RV = \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>3</sup>

If CAS Volume (from Step 2) *is greater than* TRV then no outdoor openings are needed.

If CAS Volume (from Step 2) *is less than* TRV then go to **STEP 5**.

**Step 5:** Calculate the ratio of available interior volume to the total required volume.

Ratio = CAS Volume (from Step 2)

*divided by* TRV (from Step 4a or Step 4b)

Ratio = \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 6:** Calculate Reduction Factor (RF).

RF = 1 *minus* Ratio

RF = 1 - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 7:** Calculate single outdoor opening as if all combustion air is from outside.

Total Btu/hr input of all Combustion Appliances in the same CAS (EXCEPT DIRECT VENT)

Input: \_\_\_\_\_ Btu/hr

Combustion Air Opening Area (CAOA):

Total Btu/hr *divided by* 3000  
Btu/hr per in<sup>2</sup>

CAOA = \_\_\_\_\_ / 3000 Btu/hr per in<sup>2</sup> = \_\_\_\_\_ in<sup>2</sup>

**Step 8:** Calculate Minimum CAO.

Minimum CAO = CAO *multiplied by* RF

Minimum CAO = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ in<sup>2</sup>

**Step 9:** Calculate Combustion Air Opening Diameter (CAOD)

CAOD = 1.13 *multiplied by the square root of* Minimum CAO A

CAOD = 1.13 Minimum CAO A = \_\_\_\_\_ in

<sup>1</sup>If desired, ACH can be determined using ASHRAE calculation or blower door test. Follow procedures in Section G304.

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